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SUBJ: COUNTRY PLAN: BILATERAL COMMUNICATIO RELATIONSHIP

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT BILATERAL COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP SECTION  
CPP. TEXT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM:

2. QUOTE. ON BALANCE THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S.  
AND INDONESIA IS VERY GOOD DESPITE THE PRESENT SENSITIVITY OF THE  
TIMES DUE TO FACTORS ON THE INDONESIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE, AND  
CERTAIN POINTS INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

3. " ALTHOUGH INDONESIA AS A LEADING THIRD WORLD FORCE PLAYS AN  
IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GROUP OF '77, ITS VOICE HAS BEEN MODERATE IN  
CALLING FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND INDONESIA HAS  
OPENLY STATED ITS POLICY OF WELCOMING U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT. U.S.  
CAPITAL IS INVESTED IN INDONESIA IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF ECONOMIC  
NATIONALISM IN WHICH SOME VIEW PRIVATE INVESTMENT, FOREIGN CAPITAL  
AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION AS FORCES WHICH WIDEN THE GAP BETWEEN  
THE RICH AND THE POOR AND MAY NOT ENSURE AN ADEQUATE RETURN ON  
NATIONAL INVESTMENT. INDONESIANS ADMIRE THE PROSPERITY AND STRENGTH  
OF THE U.S. BUT ALSO FEEL THAT THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS  
SHOULD BE BRIDGED BY RICH NATIONS DOING WITH LESS SO THAT POOR  
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NATIONS CAN HAVE MORE.

4." AMERICAN INTENTIONS AS A PACIFIC POWER ARE JUDGED BY ACTIONS  
NOT BY WORDS. U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS A BAROMETER, ESPECIALLY  
IN GOVERNING MILITARY CIRCLES, OF U.S. INTEREST IN THE SECURITY  
OF SEA AND U.S. DETERMINATION TO REMAIN A PACIFIC POWER. YET MANY  
OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS WHO QUESTION THE U.S. COMMITMENT ARE

ACCESSIBLE TO U.S. MISSION REPRESENTATIVES, WELL  
DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S., AND IN MANY CASES HAVE RECEIVED  
TRAINING IN THE U.S. UNDER MAP PROGRAMS.

5." ON DEEPER OR LONGER TERM ISSUES, IN THE ARENA OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS THERE IS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO A LESSER  
EXTENT THE PUBLIC, A SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM FROM WESTERN  
GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA SOURCES. WESTERN INDIVIDUALISM IS VIEWED  
AS A THREAT TO COMMUNAL VALUES AND THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF  
INDONESIANS. THERE IS SOME CONCERN THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES  
COULD BE MISUSED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. BUT INDONESIANS ALSO  
RECOGNIZE THAT PRESSURES FROM ABROAD CAN ALSO HAVE A POSITIVE  
AND SALUTARY EFFECT ON GOVERNMENTS OF AN AUTHORITARIAN NATURE  
AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN APPLAUDED  
BY INTELLECTUALS, STUDENTS AND MANY INDONESIANS CONCERNED  
WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA.

6." THE PERCEPTION OF PRESS FREEDOM (AS WELL AS ACADEMIC FREEDOM)  
BY THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT IS SUBSTANTIVELY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF  
THE U.S. THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWING THE PRESS AS AN INSTRU-  
MENT TO ADVANCE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EXERCISES FIRM CONTROLS OVER  
BOTH THE INDONESIAN AND FOREIGN PRESS. GOVERNMENT CONTROL IS EX-  
TENDED TO TELEVISION WHERE PROGRAMS OF POLITICAL CONTENT, EXCEPT  
FOR NEWS ITEMS, ARE RESTRICTED IN KEEPING WITH INDONESIA'S  
POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT.  
THE INDONESIAN PRESS CHAFES UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL PARTICULARLY  
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SINCE IN RECENT TIMES THE INDONESIAN PRESS HAD DEVELOPED INTO ONE OF  
THE FREEST IN ASIA. ALTHOUGH USIS HAS UNHINDERED ACCESS TO MEDIA  
LEADERS, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT GOVERNMENT CONTROLS MAY WELL  
SILENTLY INFLUENCE WHAT IS PUBLISHED OR NOT PUBLISHED ABOUT U.S.  
POLICIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

7." AMERICAN SOCIETY IS CONSIDERED BY MANY INDONESIANS TO BE A  
POWERFUL AND DYNAMIC FORCE BUT IT IS ALSO VIEWED SOME APPRE-  
HENSION FOR THE EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE ON INDONESIAN TRADITIONAL  
VALUES AND CULTURE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE DEEPER CULTURAL TRENDS IN  
THE U.S. ARE LESS IMMEDIATELY APPARENT THAN POPULAR CULTURE AND ITS  
SYMBOLS.

8." IN DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES USIS SHOULD ADDRESS THEM WITH A  
SPECIFIC APPLICATION OF RESOURCES. IN THE SHORT TERM, IT SHOULD  
DEMONSTRATE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING AN IN-  
TERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO DEVELOPING AND  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; THAT THE U.S., IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, IS  
RESPONSIVE TO THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC NEEDS THROUGH A NON-CONFRONTA-  
TIONAL APPROACH IN THE NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE; THAT U.S. TRADE, AID  
AND INVESTMENT ARE SUPPORTIVE OF INDONESIA'S GOAL OF NATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT; THAT THROUGH A TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AMERICAN

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES ENHANCE INDONESIA'S MODERNIZATION; THAT THE U.S. CAN BEST AND MOST APPROPRIATELY PLAY ITS ROLE AS A RESPONSIBLE PACIFIC POWER BY MAINTAINING A STRATEGIC BALANCE THROUGH ITS MILITARY FORCES IN THE PACIFIC AND SEA AND THAT U.S. INTEREST IN INDONESIAN SECURITY SHOULD BEST BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF OVERALL STRATEGIC BALANCE RATHER THAN SPECIFIC LEVELS OF MILITARY AID. THE SPEAKERS' PROGRAM, WIRELESS FILE, VTRS, ALERT SERVICES AND MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECTS ARE THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR THE SUPPORT OF THESE THEMES.

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9. "IN THE LONG TERM, USIS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GLOBAL U.S. CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS BASED ON THE IDEALS OF INDIVIDUALS FREEDOM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; THAT THE PROSPERITY AND STRENGTH OF AMERICAN SOCIETY IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND A PRESS FREE OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL; THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE ARTS HAS RESULTED IN EXCITING AND CREATIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS; THAT EDUCATION IN AMERICA IS BASED ON THE PROPOSITION THAT AN ENLIGHTENED CITIZENRY IS A PREREQUISITE TO DEMOCRACY AND A PROTECTION AGAINST TYRANNY.

10. "THESE LONG TERM ISSUES SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (ESPECIALLY AMERICAN STUDIES) SUPPORTED BY OTHER RESOURCES SUCH AS THE SPEAKERS' PROGRAM, THE MIDEAN BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF LONG TERM CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION INTERESTS OF THE U.S., IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO ENLIST U.S. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN AND NURTURE THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC TIES OF THOSE WHO STUDIED OR WERE TRAINED IN THE U.S., UNDER MILITARY AND CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AS WELL AS PRIVATE, AND TO OPEN NEW AVENUES OF TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEW GENERATION.

11. "IN SELECTING AUDIENCES FOR THESE THEMES, ATTENTIVE CARE IS

NEEDED. AMONG THE MOST INFLUENTIAL GROUPS IN TERMS OF U.S. INTERESTS  
ARE THE MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE(HAMKAML AND  
A RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN THE CIVIL BUREAUCRACY  
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AND U.S. TRAINED TECHNOCRATS WHO MANAGE NATIONAL AFFAIRS. THESE  
OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS ARE GENERALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S.  
AND ARE ACCESSIBLE(SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS ON THEIR TIME) TO MISSION  
OFFICERS AND THROUGH USIS MATERIALS. BUT LOWER LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS  
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ARE LESS ACCESSIBLE BUT REACHABLE THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS. OTHER  
IMPORTANT GROUPS ARE THE MEDIA, ACADEMICS, ARTISTS, WRITERS AND  
STUDENTS. THESE GROUPS ARE GENERALLY WELL DISPOSED TO THE U.S. AND  
OPEN TO NEW IDEAS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE STUDENT GROUP, MANY  
IN THESE GROUPS HAVE STUDIED OR BEEN TRAINED IN THE U.S. CURRENT  
AND PROPOSED U.S. LOANS AND GRANTS THROUGH AID WILL SEND ABOUT  
1000 YOUNG INDONESIANS ABROAD EACH YEAR, MOSTLY TO THE U.S.

12. "THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY RANGING FROM THE TECHNOCRATS  
AT THE CENTER OF POWER TO MARGINAL INDIVIDUALS HAS LITTLE ORGANIZED  
POWER BUT IT CONTAINS THE SEEDS OF POTENTIAL INFLUENCE. MOTIVATION  
TO STUDY IN THE U.S. IS BASIC TO THE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG INDONESIAN  
PROFESSIONALS, GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO STUDY ENGLISH  
AT THE INDONESIAN AMERICAN BINAATIONAL CENTERS. THESE CENTERS  
REPRESENT A BASIC LONG TERM RESOURCE OF THE U.S. AS INSTITUTIONS  
UNIQUELY DESIGNED FOR TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIANS  
AND AMERICANS.

13." IN ALL PROGRAMMING, CAUTION AND CIRCUMSPECTION ARE REQUIRED  
BECAUSE OF STRONG INDONESIAN FEELINGS OF NATIONALISM AND RESENTMENT  
OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN INDONESIAN AFFAIRS. SPECIAL CARE IS  
NEEDED  
IN WORKING WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT SENSITI-  
VITIES. AND YET IT IS AMONG THE YOUTH OF INDONESIA THAT LONG TERM  
INTEREST OF THE U.S. LIES AS GENERATIONS CHANGE IN THE POWER  
STRUCTURE. UNQUOTE.

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14. POST REVIEWED CP ESSAY IN LIGHT OF REFTEL B QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH  
11, AND CONCLUDED THAT IT COVERED ALL POINTS ADEQUATELY WITH EXCEP-  
TION OF QUESTIONS NOS.6 AND 8 WHICH WE FOUND UNCLEAR.

15. POST UNABLE DEAL WITH QUESTION NO.6 UNTIL OUR UNDERSTANDING  
OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN U.S. BETTER DEFINED. HOWEVER, TWO THOUGHTS HAVE

OCCURRED TO US IN THIS CONNECTION, AND WE NOTE THEM HERE TO SEE IF WE  
ON RIGHT TRACK. THESE ARE THAT ICA(A) MAKE GREATER EFFORT TO CHOOSE  
AMSPECS AND VOLSPKRS WITH ACTIVE INTEREST IN INDONESIA, AND (B)  
IMPORVE UNDERSTANDING OF INDONESIA ON PART OF AGENCIES PROGRAMMING  
INDONESIAN IVS.

16. NO. I ALSO UNCLEAR, BUT BELIEVE FOLLOWING COMMENT RELEVANT:  
A FREQNT COMPLAINT OF INDONSIANS TRAVELLING IN U.S. IS DEARTH OF  
INFORMATION IN U.S. PRESS ABOUT INDONESIA. WE BELIEVE LONG RANGE  
EFFECT OF ICA AND POST ACTIITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE MUTUAL KNOW-  
LEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO CULTURES WILL HELP ALLEVIATE  
THIS SOURCE COMMUNICATIONS TENSION.  
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